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TROOPS SENT TO BRIDGEPORT

Governor Harmon Sends 1500 Guardsmen to Quell Rioting.

A THREATENING MOB FORMS

Sheriff Makes Call for 1000 Soldiers.

Brigadier General Speaks in Command.

Disorders Among the Striking Tin Workers Have Become so Serious That the State Must Take a Hand—Fight Occurs Today and Several Persons are Shot—No General Rioting, but Strike-breakers are Attacked.

By United Press Wire. Columbus, O., Dec. 4.—Governor Harmon today ordered 1,500 troops to Bridgeport at the request of Sheriff S. S. Amrine of Belmont county. The troops include the entire Eighth regiment, seven companies of the Seventh and eight companies of the Fourth. Brigadier General John C. Speaks will be in charge.

Columbus, O., Dec. 4.—The telegram from Sheriff Amrine to the governor on which the troops were ordered out, read as follows:

"The American Sheet Steel & Tin Plate works at Bridgeport resumed work December 1, with old employees. They were immediately attacked by a mob. December 2 the mob shot up a Pennsylvania train on which workmen were returning from work to homes. December 3 mob surrounded hills attacked works with rifles and shot three men. December 4, same condition. Surgeons sent to attend wounded and mob attacked them with rifles. Numerous shots fired at ambulance prevented wounded being taken to hospital. Have made every effort to cope with situation and have exhausted my power. Mob well armed. Have satisfactory proof that previous preparations were made by mob. Leader said they were looking for another Homestead and were prepared for it. Mob now numbers over 700. Many rioters from West Virginia state. Absolutely necessary that 1,000 troops be sent at once."

Bridgeport, O., Dec. 4.—Fifteen hundred soldiers in command of Brigadier General Speaks will arrive here tonight to quell the disorders in the strike of 4,600 tin workers in Bridgeport and Martins Ferry.

Adjutant General Weybrecht at noon today notified Colonel Vollrath, of the Eighth regiment, Ohio National Guard to mobilize his regiment at Alliance, Ohio, and proceed with all possible speed to Bridgeport. The order carried instructions to carry equipment necessary for several weeks stay in camp.

Colonel Vollrath said that he expected to be able to have several companies on their way to Bridgeport by late afternoon. He sent such instructions to his captains. The regiment is comprised of companies at Akron, Canton, Massillon, Alliance, Mansfield, Folsom, Gallon and Bucyrus.

Governor Harmon ordered the troops to be sent on the request today of Sheriff Amrine, who declared that he was unable to cope with the disorders, and that disastrous trouble was imminent. Four men and one woman lie seriously wounded as the result of clashes with guns early today between the strikers and the strike-breakers and guards. The victims are: Chief Roe, in charge of the special police, shot three times.

William Hiley, of Pittsburg, guard, shot three times.

Even Franklin, guard, shot through the leg.

Windsor Davis, of Bridgeport, strike, shot in calf of leg.

Mrs. Harry E. Bright, wife of strike, struck on head by brick.

The disorders are the outcome of the American Sheet & Tin Plate company, whose tin workers have been on strike against an open shop since last July 1, to re-open the Aetna-Standard mill here, which has a capacity for employing 2,300 men.

The Aetna-Standard mill and the Lathguth mill at Martins Ferry, which is only a mile away, and is of the same size, have been closed since the tin workers went on strike. Efforts by the company to induce the men to resume work under open shop conditions, and threats that it would remove the mills if they did not do so, have been unavailing.

There have been no general riots, but the strike-breakers have been attacked singly by gangs. There has been continuous desultory shooting, and guards within the stockade have had many narrow escapes.

Sheriff Amrine had his alarm increased today by an authoritative report that the strikers have secretly been accumulating several hundred Springfield rifles and a large amount

of ammunition in preparation to resist any attempt to reopen the mills.

Bridgeport, O., Dec. 4.—Sheriff Fred Amrine this afternoon declared he would place both Bridgeport and Martins Ferry under martial law as soon as the troops ordered out by the government arrive here tonight on a special train. The strikers are armed with old government Springfield rifles and from the hill tops a distance of a quarter of a mile from the mill they are firing into the plant and physicians going to the mill to take care of the wounded were attacked by the mob and the ambulance was fired upon.

The shooting from the hill tops continues today and sheriff's deputies have discovered where strikers have many guns and ammunition stored. A strike leader declared to the sheriff that they expected another Homestead strike and were prepared for it.

Captain Richardson, of Company D Fourth O. N. G., received word today from the adjutant general to be in readiness to leave on short notice with his company for Bridgeport, where a strike of tin workers is on. Troops are already in the field and Company K, of Delaware, a part of the Fourth regiment is already en route there.

Captain Richardson has notified his company and within thirty minutes after the sounding of the riot alarm the command can be on his way to Bridgeport. Ten taps of the three bell repeated five times, is the riot signal.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY IS ENACTED

Mother and Two Children Killed in Their Home in Cleveland.

By United Press Wire. Cleveland, O., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Josephine Lupica, thirty-five, her twelve-year-old daughter, Annie, and her six-year-old son, Jimmie, were found murdered in their home in the Italian quarter this afternoon. They had been stabbed and beaten to death with an iron bar. A third child, two years old, was taken to Charity hospital, in a dying condition. The police have spread a dragnet for Antonio Lupica, the husband. The only witness to any phase of the tragedy that has developed so far, is Charles Santano, seven years old, who was hailed by Jimmie as he ran out of the house bleeding from several wounds in the breast and head.

"A man killed mamma and hit me," he screamed and then turned and ran back into the house, falling dead just inside the door. When Santano dashed into the house all were dead save the infant, which was hurried to the hospital in an ambulance summoned by a policeman.

Neighbors attracted by little Jimmie's screams found Mrs. Lupica dead on the floor of the kitchen. Beside her lay Annie and the baby boy. Mrs. Lupica has been married twice. Her first husband was shot to death in an Orange Avenue fight two years ago.

FIVE BLACK HANDERS NABBED

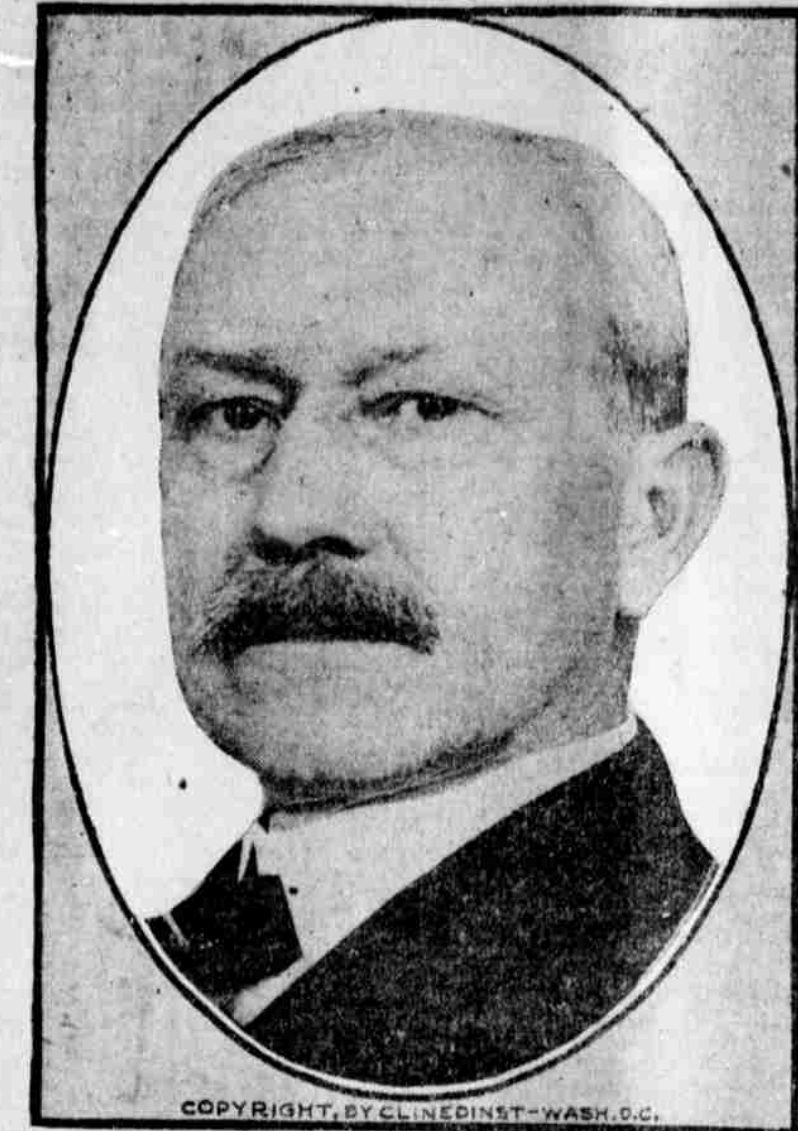
They Were Dividing Stage Money When Officers Swooped Down.

By United Press Wire. Edwardsville, Ill., Dec. 4.—As the result of an alleged "Black Hand" effort to get \$6,500 from Louis Lumaghi, a wealthy coal mine owner of Collinsville, Illinois, four Italians are in jail here today, charged with extortion. The capture of the band is due to a trick, employed by an Italian detective from St. Louis, who got "on to the deal." When the band met in a room over a saloon to divide the money placed at the designated "for sale" sign on Lumaghi's property, a squad of police were ready to arrest them. The Italians gave their names as Giuseppe Palazoto, Frank Sicolo, Louis Blondi and Joe Laurassa.

In response to letters threatening the kidnapping of the three Lumaghi children and the dynamiting of the Lumaghi home, a roll of stage money with several five dollar bills on top was put at the place mentioned. Blondi and Laurassa, the Collinsville members of the gang, were present and arranged the division of the spoils, but Palazoto and Sicolo, who live in St. Louis, had sent word that their money be sent to them.

After the arrest of the first two Italians the detective sent a decoy message to the others and in that way got them to come to Collinsville where they were arrested.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR EXONERATED BY INVESTIGATION.



The announcement by Attorney General Wickersham that his investigation of the charges against Secretary of the Interior Ballinger had disclosed nothing to the discredit of the latter helped to stir the embers of the Pinchot-Ballinger controversy over the public lands. Secretary Ballinger is charged by Louis R. Glavis, a former official of the general land office, with aiding both actively and passively in the efforts of a band of land grabbers to enter illegally upon immensely valuable coal lands in Alaska. Clifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, who was one of President Roosevelt's closest intimates, is on record as saying that such efforts are being made. Mr. Wickersham's investigation of Mr. Ballinger's conduct while commissioner of the general land office under President Roosevelt, as a private citizen and as secretary of the interior in the present administration was undertaken without action to that end by President Taft, it is said.

SEARCHING FOR MISSING MEN

They Are Wanted in Connection with the Mine Terror at Cherry.

DIRE THREATS WERE MADE

One of the Pair Feared He Would be Killed.

The Other Supposed to Have Been Kidnaped.

Chicago Police Are Asked to Help Locate Alex Rosenjack and Robert Deans, Who Are Alleged to Have Been Directly Responsible for the Burning of the Cherry Mine Where so Many Men Lost Their Lives.

By United Press Wire. Cherry, Ill., Dec. 4.—State's Attorney Eckert of Bureau county, has appealed to the Chicago police to assist in apprehending Alex Rosenjack and Robert Deans, alleged to have been directly responsible for the burning of the St. Paul coal mine. Rosenjack fled from Cherry after his life had been threatened and Deans is said by Coroner Malm to have been kidnaped by unknown persons.

The joint investigation commission demanded to know why Rosenjack and Deans had not been summoned as witnesses, and why their testimony had not been obtained before their disappearance. Coroner Malm and State's Attorney Eckert admitted they had advised Rosenjack to leave Cherry because they had heard men threaten to kill him.

Evidence tending to show that the management of the mine had no system by which it could know the number and identity of men working in the mine, was supplied by the testimony of Martin Powers, a check weigher. He testified the number of men in the mine was "guessed at" by the cage men.

Coroner Malm declared he was considering summoning President A. J. Earlring and other high officials of the St. Paul railway to testify concerning the railroad company's alleged ownership of the Cherry mine and other properties held in the name of the St. Paul coal mine.

SHIPPING PARALYZED. Cherbourg, Dec. 4.—All shipping is at a standstill today as a result of the storm that is raging along the coast. Several vessels are reported ashore

TWO VESSELS FLOUNDERED

Quays at Bologne Crowded With Families of Unfortunate Sailors.

By United Press Wire. Bologne, Dec. 4.—The quays are crowded today with the families of missing sailors, who are believed to have been drowned in the storm that is churning the English channel.

Two vessels are known to have foundered. An unknown ship sank today off the British coast, and her crew of twelve are believed to have been drowned. The sloop Cormoran went down off Dabuet rocks but all of her crew but one were saved. Four ships from Naples are missing.

All the regular life-saving crews and hundreds of volunteers are patrolling the coast. The storm broke with redoubled fury today, doing great damage on the land as well as on sea. Houses in Bologne were wrecked and hundreds of trees uprooted.

BREAD TRUST IS FORMED

Plans to Increase Price One Cent Per Loaf Have Been Laid.

By United Press Wire. New York, Dec. 4.—The bread trust has been formed. Backed, presumably by western capital and organized at the instigation of some of the largest flouring mills in the country, the bread trust is expected to add a cent to a loaf to the price of bread and so vie with the beef trust and the milk trust in adding to the cost of the primary necessities of life.

Announcement of the new concern, with an estimated capital of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 behind it, was made public here this morning. According to this announcement, Max Oscher, a western capitalist, is believed to be the moving spirit. Oscher, when in twenty a few days ago, admitted engineering a bread and cake concern in the eastern states, with a capitalization of not less than \$10,000,000, though he denied that it was to be a "trust."

The trust, it is believed, is planning to buy its flour direct from western mills on mammoth contracts covering long periods and in this way to have a strong influence on the flour supply. Details of the system are still lacking.

IT'S A FIGHT TO THE FINISH

Railroads Declare There Will be no Arbitration in the Strike.

LONG STRUGGLE IS PREDICTED

But Roads Say Victory Already is Theirs.

Trainmen Give Switchmen a Black Eye.

Commercial Interests are Taking a Hand and Censure the Strikers for Hindering Commerce—Freight is Being Moved Today and the Railroads Are Confident They Will Soon be Operating Successfully Again in a Short Time.

By United Press Wire. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 4.—There will be no arbitration of the switchmen's strike. It's a fight to the finish. This is the ultimate delivered by the railroads today.

All the more startling because of following closely an assurance of amicable settlement, comes this announcement. It portends a long and bitter struggle, perhaps extending to other sections of the country, and shows that two separate attempts on the part of Minneapolis business men toward mediation have come to naught.

"The strikers say they are willing to arbitrate, except under the Erdman act. The railroads say, 'too late' and declare their fight is won. President Hawley, of the switchmen, declared today, however, that his men are far from beaten and intimates that in the event of a losing fight, switchmen in all parts of the country will go out, paralyzing the railroad business of the country. 'Hawley is a fighter. We absolutely refuse to arbitrate. We will put the strikers down and out,' said Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern today.

"We have them whipped right now, and will not consider mediation," declared George T. Slade, general manager of the Northern Pacific. Hawley said: "Switchmen all over the United States have wired me, asking permission to go on strike. I am holding them back, but if the railroad managers of the country do not get in and settle this strike, every city in the nation will soon be tied up. I will say this, that if the railroads attempt any byplay with the switchmen's union, it will be the most costly experiments railroads ever made in the history of the world."

The knocking under of the props of the strike at Duluth, by the refusal of the trainmen to remain out, and the censuring of the switchmen for what they term an "illegal act," adds another twist to the situation. That the switchmen realize the seriousness of this "insurrection" is indicated from the fact that George B. Hawley, president of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, and state organizer of the American Federation of Labor, left hurriedly for Duluth last night to take charge of the switchmen's interests. The Duluth setback is partially counteracted, however, by the entry of the American Federation of Labor into the fray behind the strikers. Secretary Morrison has wired from Washington guaranteeing moral and financial support.

Locally the situation remains but little changed. Governor Eberhart, Minneapolis business interests, President Hawley and other union officials conferred last night and were accomplished. In St. Paul the commercial club assailed the strikers and predicted a short strike with the railroads on top.

That freight is being moved now is indicated today by the fact that four of the big flour mills have resumed operations.

Altogether, approximately 32,200 barrels of flour were shipped out yesterday. Merchandise in small lots left forward also.

More than 1,000 additional strike-breakers arrived and more are on the way, various cities in the country reporting bunches of men headed this way. Railroad officials admit that it still will be a fortnight before the new men will "know the ropes" well enough to move freight freely.

M. J. Dooley, superintendent of the Minnesota Railway, has refused to accept any more cars. "Tied up," he declares.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 4.—William F. Burt, of St. Louis, vice president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, and other officials who are in Buffalo today deny the report that the backbone of the strike in the Northwest has been broken. Mr. Burt said he had received several reports from President Hawley, who is in St. Paul, saying the tie-up of traffic is complete and denying the statement that the men wanted a settlement. He also declared that the union had received assurance of the support of the American Federation of Labor if needed.

Burt, who is in charge of Buffalo affairs during Hawley's absence, declined to talk of the situation in the East. A meeting of the chairman of

all the grievances committees of the several Buffalo lines was held last night, but what was done was not made public. Whether the Buffalo switchmen strike, apparently depends on the outcome of the Chicago conference, Buffalo and Pittsburg being included in the Chicago District.

CANAL RECORDS ARE MISSING

By United Press Wire. New York, Dec. 4.—Records affecting the Panama canal negotiations have disappeared from the safe of the American legation at Bogota, and the Colombian authorities are greatly exercised over the loss, according to Francisco de Borda, the new Colombian minister to the United States, who has just arrived in New York. "I know further details of the affair, but do not care to speak about them at this time," says Mr. Borda. "Shortly after the disappearance of the document the secretary left Bogota. I am informed that he is now in Washington."

STRIPPED FOR ACTION

American Gunboat Now on the Scene to Protect Americans.

WILL WAIT FOR OUTBREAK

Prairie's Nose Still in the Mud.

Marines May be Transferred to Dixie.

Little Word From Nicaragua Is Received by the State Department at Washington and the Greatest Anxiety Has Been Felt for the Welfare of the Transport Which is Still Aground and Cannot be Moved.

By United Press Wire. Panama, Dec. 4.—Cleared for action and with her guns trained on the city, the gunboat Vicksburg is in control of the situation at Corinto, according to advices received here today.

Following the severing of diplomatic negotiations with Nicaragua, the Vicksburg's commander took prompt and decisive steps to protect American interests.

Notice was served on the provincial government, Zelaya's representative at Corinto, that the United States will hold him personally responsible for any harm done Americans. This was emphasized by the training of the guns upon the governor's palace and the statement that it would be blown skyward the moment an American was attacked.

Prairie Still Fast.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 4.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie, which went aground in the Delaware river on Thursday evening is still fast in the mud. No effort was made to get the vessel off the bar during the night and it is not expected the craft will be gotten off until late this afternoon. The vessel is far up in the mud and it was reported today that 500 marines aboard will be taken off during the day and transported to Fort Delaware.

Princeton on the Way. San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The gunboat Princeton under hurry orders, which sailed from the Bremerton navy yard, is speeding down the coast and will arrive in San Francisco today, according to wireless messages received from her captain. She will immediately take on coal and provisions for her rush trip to Nicaraguan waters.

No Word Received. Washington, Dec. 3.—Preparations for impending conflict in Nicaragua simmered down to the patient hope today that the cruiser Prairie would be hauled off the Pen. Patch bar in the Delaware river by nightfall, and started on her way for Colon with the 700 marines who are to be at hand when the conflict begins.

The state department is without dispatches from Nicaragua, and according to the announcements made, has absolutely no knowledge of the present conditions there despite the fact that there are half a dozen or more consular officers who are under instructions to report any developments. No reports have been received from Managua to indicate the attitude of Zelaya towards Secretary Knox's scathing denunciation of him in his note to the Nicaraguan chargé in Washington. Apparently the state department is waiting for something to happen before deciding what other steps to take to settle the Nicaraguan problem.

If the Prairie cannot be hauled off by tonight, it is likely that the marines and supplies on board that vessel will be transferred to the Dixie.

A POLITICAL SENSATION

Famous New Poem was Aimed at Asquith in England.

AUTHOR MAKES THE ADMISSION

Secretary Wrote Speeches for Premier.

Campbell Bannerman the Man Mentioned.

William Watson, the Author of "The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue" Admits That the Poem was Aimed at Miss Asquith, Who Made the Statement Concerning Former Premier's Speeches.

By United Press Wire.

New York, Dec. 4.—"The woman with the serpent's tongue," may bring a change in the British ministry and cause one of the greatest political and literary sensations England has ever known, in the opinion of many persons who read today the startling statement by William Watson, the English poet and author of the poem with the foregoing title, that the poem was physically inspired by Mrs. Margot Asquith, wife of the British premier, and mentally by her step-daughter, Miss Violet Asquith.

Watson waited until he arrived in this country on a visit before admitting the charge that his now famous poem was aimed at the Asquiths, thereby removing himself temporarily from the center of storm which cables from England say his admission has already aroused. As long as he was in England he denied that his poem was dedicated to the Asquiths, or to any one in particular.

In explaining what led up to the poem, Watson tells of a visit he made to the Asquith home last June, when he was surprised to hear Miss Asquith say that a man named Nash, one of her father's secretaries, was the man "who used to write C. B.'s speeches for him." By C. B. he meant the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, premier Asquith's predecessor and probably the best loved of English premiers since the days of Gladstone.

Continuing, Miss Asquith said, according to Watson, "Do you know, I have often wondered whether some of those phrases of C. B.'s that caught on so much, as 'Methods of barbarism,' and that sort of nonsense, really came from C. B. or from Nash."

These expressions by Miss Asquith, it is practically certain, will be taken as reflecting the sentiments of the present premier and cause a storm of criticism of Mr. Asquith.

Watson's signed statement regarding the poem is as follows:

"The woman with the serpent's tongue is a composite photograph of Mrs. Asquith and her stepdaughter, Violet. The poem is a portrait of the physical characteristics of Mrs. Asquith and the mentality of Miss Asquith. The latter is the voice of the family and rules them all. Violet is the real official voice speaking with authority. She it is."

"Who slights the worthiest in the land. 'Sneers at the just, contemns the brave. 'And blackens goodness in its grave.'"

The poet says he attempted to show his resentment at the reflections cast upon the dead premier by offering to write in the album of Miss Asquith a stirring defense of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

"I thought I should fling the most unforgivable insult at this family," he says, "this offer, Watson says, but to his surprise he received a letter from Mrs. Asquith in which she said that her daughter would welcome the contribution to her album."

Mrs. Asquith sent other cordial notes to the poet, which, in the light of his dedication of the poem, has clearly believed to be hypocritical.

MOROS FIGHT CONSTABULARY

Natives Have Again Become Troublesome and Take War Path.

By United Press Wire. Manila, Dec. 4.—Another bloody encounter between the wild Moros of the Mindanao province and the native constabulary, in which a score of Moros, six members of the constabulary, four policemen and one policeman were killed, was reported today by Lieutenant Floris, in command of the constabulary. The fight took place last Sunday near Mount Malindang. But owing to the inaccessible nature of the country, the report of it was delayed.

Further trouble is expected as several thousand Moros are still in the neighborhood. General Forbush has sent a company of Philippine scouts to reinforce the constabulary.